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Attachments: 7day H2S Report - 2022_0708-0714.pdf; 7day H2S Report - 2022_0715-0721.pdf; NI Air Monitoring Summary Results

07-17-22.pdf; Notice of Intent.pdf

Dear Chief Harris,

Greetings. EPA is providing the following bi-weekly update documents: weekly H2S monitoring information for the weeks of Friday July 8, 2022 and Friday July 15, 2022, and daily monitoring results for July 17, 2022, the day in which H_2S was detected at the Catawba Head Start monitor. Earlier this week, New Indy reported that wastewater testing was conducted at the facility from July 19-21. The wastewater testing included sampling for the four total reduced sulfur compounds (H2S, dimethyl disulfide, dimethyl sulfide, and methyl mercaptan) at multiple locations in the aeration stabilization basin and post aeration tank.

On July 22, Motley Rice Attorneys at Law on behalf of several Lancaster, Rock Hill and Fort Mill, South Carolina citizens sent New Indy a 60-day Notice of Intent to Sue (NOIS) for violations of the H2S fence-line concentration limits imposed by EPA in the May 13, 2021 Clean Air Act Emergency Order. A copy of the NOIS is attached.

EPA and DOJ are continuing to review and consider the public comments on the proposed Consent Decree, and EPA is continuing our investigation into Clean Air Act compliance at the facility. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Respectfully,

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